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Dear Mr. Evans:

I am looking forward to your participation in our evening discussion on international terrorism on Tuesday, 22 July 1980. Our statistics indicate that the distressing prevalence of terrorist acts is far from abating. While there was some decline in the number of attacks on United States targets during 1978 and 1979, American and Western European persons, especially government officials and businessmen, remain the primary targets of international terrorism. Even though the actual casualties may be comparatively small, the social cost is, of course, enormous. We also continue to confront the possibility that some terrorist group may some day obtain and use weapons of mass destruction. Meanwhile, specialists on the subject, both in and out of governments, have made some progress in identifying patterns of terrorist behavior. The object of our discussion will be to exchange insights of that nature as well as information and ideas regarding the containment of the terrorist threat.

Our plan for the evening is as follows: The company will assemble in my conference room in the CIA Headquarters Building between 5:30 and 6:00. Refreshments will be served. Our discussion will begin at 6:00 and continue until 8:30 or so. Dinner will be served at the conference table at 7:00. The company will be small, with three outside specialists, three guests from elsewhere in the government, and Agency analysts, most of whom will also be specialists on international terrorism, for a total of about fifteen. We are asking our outside specialists to introduce the subject by talking for about ten minutes each. Following these opening statements our format will be a free discussion.

I have asked [redacted] of my Academic Relations Staff to complete the arrangements for the meeting. Please call them if you require further information or any assistance. Their telephone number is (703)

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Yours sincerely,

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